

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Karl Mannemann et al.) Group:
Serial No.)
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Title: MELTDOWN DEVICE AS WELL AS)
A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION)
OF HIGH-UV-TRANSMITTING GLASS TYPE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 3" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 5 to 6" and substitute therefor --claim 5--.

In claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 5 to 7" and substitute therefor --claim 5--.

In claim 9, line 1, delete "one of claims 5 to 8" and substitute therefor --claim 5--.

In claim 10, line 1, delete "one of claims 5 to 9" and substitute therefor

--claim 5--.

In claim 11, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of claims 5 to 10" and substitute therefor

--claim 5--.

Please add the following new claims:

12. Meltdown device according to claim 2, characterized in that temperature measuring devices are arranged in the cover and/or bottom.

13. Meltdown device according to claim 3, characterized in that temperature measuring devices are arranged in the cover and/or bottom..

14. Process according to claim 6, characterized in that the feeding-in of the highly pure glass raw materials occurs either in portions or continuously.